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SUBJ: SPANISH SHARA: GOS EFFORTS TO ORCHESTRATE INDEPENDENCE
MOVEMENTS

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SUMMARY: THE LOCAL SHARAN PARTY OF NATIONAL UNION HAS
BEEN REORGANIZED AND THE GOS SEEMS TO BE TRYING TO PROMOTE
A DIALOGUE WITH THE F POLISARIO THROUGH MUTUAL EXCHANGE OF
PRISONERS. APPARENT SPANISH OBJECTIVE IS TO USE BOTH
INDEPENDENCE GROUPS TO SUPPORT SELF-DETERMINATION UNDER UN
AUSPICES. END SUMMARY

1. SHARAN PARTY OF NATIONAL UNION (PUNS) WHICH HAD BEEN
DECAPITATED BY DEFECTION OF SEC GEN TO MOROCCO LAST SPRING,
HELD CONGRESS AUG 16-19 IN EL AAIUN. CONGRESS NAMED NEW
SEC GEN AND ADOPTED POLITICAL PROGRAM WITH FOLLOWING
SALIENT POINTS: INDEPENDENCE AND CREATION OF DEMOCRATIC
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REPUBLIC TO BE ADMITTED TO U.N. OAU AND ARAB LEAGUE WITH

ISLAM AS OFFICIAL RELIGION. CONGRESS ALSO APPOINTED TWO SPECIAL COMMITTEES FOR PURPOSE OF "REVIEWING ACTUAL RELATIONS WITH SPAIN" AND A THIRD "SECRET" COMMITTEE WITH MISSION TO SEEK A DIALOGUE WITH THE F POLISARIO ON COLLABORATION IN PROCESS OF DECOLONIZATION.

2. WHILE CONGRESS WAS BEING HELD, AT LEAST 200 SUPPORTERS OF F POLISARIO WITH FLAGS, BANNERS, AND SHOUTS OF "DEAHT TO PUNS" DEMONSTRATED OUTSIDE; A SEPARATE F POLISARIO DEMONSTRATION WITH APPROX 3,000 PARTICIPANTS DEMANDED INDEPENDENCE. BOTH DEMONSTRATIONS WERE PEACEFUL; SPANISH POLICE MADE NO ARRESTS.

3. THE GOS FREED FOUR MEMBERS OF F POLISARIO HELD IN SHARA AUG 14 (APPROX 40 F POLISARIO MEMBERS ARE HELD IN EL AAIUN). ACCORDING TO SPANISH RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT, THE PURPOSE WAS TO DRAW F POLISARIO INTO DIALOGUE WITH GOS AND TO PARTICIPATE IN DECOLONIZATION PROCESS. GOS ACTION WAS PRECEDED BY RELEASE AUG 8 OF TWO SHARAN SOLDIERS HELD BY F POLISARIO WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY RELEASED TWO SPANISH SOLDIERS JULY 10 (13 SPANISH SOLDIERS STILL REMAIN IN HANDS OF F POLISARIO). GOS HAS NOTED THAT SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY OF F POLISARIO HAS DECLINED NOTABLY (REFTEL) AND THERE ARE RUMORS OF POSSIBILITY THAT F POLISARIO MIGHT BE LEGALIZED. FROM ALL APPEARANCES GOS IS DOING ITS UTMOST TO OBTAIN RELEASE OF REMAINING SPANISH PRISONERS AND AT SAME TIME TO OBTAIN F POLISARIO'S COLLABORATION IN DECOLONIZATION.

4. GOVERNOR GENERAL, LT. GEN GOMEZ DE SALAZAR, NAMED AUG 14 A SHARAN, SR. FAMY, TO BE DEPUTY TO SEC GEN OF SHARA, HIGHEST POST TO WHICH A SHARAN HAS AS YET BEEN APPOINTED. SEC GEN, COL. RODRIQUEZ DE VIGURI, TOLD OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY THAT APPOINTMENT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD AS STEP TOWARDS LOCAL ADMINISTRATION BY SHARANS.

5. PRESS REPORTS THAT F POLISARIO APPLIED TO UN COMMITTEE OF 24 TO PRESENT ITS CASE AND IS EXPECTED TO RESUBMIT REQUEST TO UN FORTH COMMITTEE WHEN UNGA RECONVENES IN MID-SEPT. DIRGEN OF SHARA IN PRESIDENCY HAS TOLD EMBOFF THAT F POLISARIO BECAME MOST ACTIVE AT END OF MAY DURING VISIT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF INVESTIGATING TEAM OF COMMITTEE OF 24 ON DECOLONIZATION TO SHARA. SINCE THEN GOS HAS CONTINUED TO ALLOW F POLISARIO TO STAGE DEMONSTRATIONS.

6. GOS EFFORTS TO BRING F POLISARIO INTO THE OPEN AND TO NEGOTIATING TABLE WITH PUNS, TOGETHER WITH NEW MEASURES TO INCLUDE SHARANS IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, ARE CONSISTENT WITH ANNOUNCED POLICY OF PROMITING SELF-DETERMINATION.

DEMONSTRATIONS BY BOTH PUNS AND F POLISARIO FOR INDEPENDENCE
AT END OF MAY IN PRESENCE OF UN INVESTIGATING TEAM, FOLLOWED
BY NEW PUBLIC SHARAN DEMANDS FOR INDEPENDENCE, COULD
POSSIBLY INFLUENCE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF UN
INVESTIGATING TEAM, IF NOT ADVISORY OPINION OF ICJ.

7. DIRGEN FOR SHARA IS PRESENTLY AT LA CORUNA
INDICATING THAT SHARAN ISSUE IS PROBABLY ON AGENDA FOR COUNCIL
OF MINISTERS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR AUG 22.
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